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PREFACE

HIV AND MOBILITY

The world's population is increasingly mobile. Public health is confronted by issues inexorably linked to population mobility and migration, including HIV. The relationship between HIV and population mobility is complex, and the drivers of HIV among people on the move remain poorly understood. A range of factors influence access to testing, treatment, and care. These include level of control over travel, experiences of trauma, transnational health practices, individual and organisational health literacy, cultural and linguistic diversity, economic, health and migration policies, racism and discrimination, social networks, and support in country of origin and destination (Camlin et al., 2018; Camlin & Charlebois, 2019; Cassels, 2020).

WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

In this document, the term mobile populations refers to migrants (defined as people born overseas) to Australia and people who travel from Australia (including those known as ELoFTs – expatriates, longer-term or frequent travellers) (Crawford et al., 2016). There is a particular focus on people from, or travelling to, sub-Saharan Africa and Northeast and Southeast Asia, given higher HIV notification rates in these regions (King et al., 2022).

THE ROAD MAP

The Western Australia HIV and Mobility Project was established in 2013 in recognition of the requirement for a more comprehensive approach to the prevention of HIV among mobile populations. The project involved collaboration between the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network (SiREN), Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH), and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS). The Project aimed to understand the unique needs of populations travelling to and from Australia in relation to HIV acquisition. While mobile populations have been recognised as a priority population in national strategies, there was little coordinated action across health promotion, research, or policy at the time.

The [HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action](#) (*Road Map*) discussion paper released in December 2014 explored the links between HIV and population mobility and proposed 71 strategies to operationalise Australia's national HIV strategies. The *Road Map* intended to stimulate discussion and action amongst stakeholders with an interest in HIV and population mobility issues. However, there was recognition that the establishment of a vehicle to create and sustain momentum was warranted. Subsequently, the [Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility](#) (CoPAHM) was established in March 2015 with modest resourcing from WA Department of Health Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Program.

Since the establishment of CoPAHM, the HIV sector has seen ongoing momentum to address *Road Map* strategies across policy, practice and research, documented in the [2015 and 2016 Interim Report Cards](#). In 2019, the [HIV and Mobility in Australia: Priority Actions](#) (*Priority Actions*) document was released, to further operationalise the Australian response to HIV and Mobility. These collaborative efforts ensure that population mobility is part of the ongoing dialogue on HIV prevention, treatment, and support.

Eight years later, the CoPAHM continues to keep HIV and population mobility issues on the national agenda, building partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders to facilitate policy, research and practice efforts regarding HIV and mobility. The CoPAHM has been supported by continued funding from the WA Department of Health Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Program.

DESKTOP REVIEW AND A SNAPSHOT OF COPAHM

This report describes the CoPAHM outputs and outcomes since its inception in 2015. In May 2023, a desktop review was conducted, analysing Google Scholar citations, Australian HIV organisational websites, Australian HIV community publications, and key policy and strategy documents to determine the CoPAHM's impact including how it has been utilised or cited.

Findings highlight the CoPAHM's pivotal role as a platform for strong partnerships, research, and dialogue regarding HIV and population mobility and support the rationale for future sustainability of the CoPAHM. Achievements are summarised in brief:

- Reports published (n=5)
- Journal articles supported (n=23)
- Presentations delivered at national and international conferences (n=17)
- Co-ordination of workforce training sessions (n=5)
- Direct funding awarded (\$122K) and supported grant applications (\$1.3M)
- Student projects: Undergraduate (n=5), Honours (n=1), Masters (n=10), PhD (n=3)

Other activities during the eight-year period include:

- Website design and maintenance (both [SiREN website](#) and [Odyssey website](#)), social media presence (Twitter, YouTube) and e-news.
- Archiving of the Odyssey website into the PANDORA Archive by the State Library of Western Australia.
- Ongoing recruitment and maintenance of CoPAHM membership, including jurisdictional memberships, with 230 members.
- Participation in national groups, such as the Health Equity Matters CaLD Affiliates Network, the Australian Multicultural Health Collaborative, and the International Student Sexual Health Network.
- Capacity building of a HIV and sexual health literate workforce, by supporting 19 university students through volunteer projects and practicum placements.
- Contribution to two national HIV strategies (8th and 9th), participation in Annual Surveillance Report meetings by the Kirby Institute, Health Equity Matters National Think Tank for Strategies to end HIV by 2025 and United Nations High-Level Meeting, presentation at the Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmitted Infections Standing Committee Blood-Borne Viruses and CaLD Communities workshop, two advocacy letters to ministers, and a submission and an appearance at a Senate inquiry.
- Guest Editorship of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, *Migration, Population Mobility and Public Health: Focus on Vulnerable and Marginalised Populations*.

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ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ARCSHS	Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society
ASHM	Australasian Society of HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine
CaLD	Culturally and linguistically diverse
CERIPH	Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health
CoPAHM	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility
DoH	Department of Health
GP	General practitioner
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
LGBTIQ	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, asexual and other sexually or gender diverse
LHIV	Living with HIV
MSM	Men who have sex with men
PLHIV	People living with HIV
PrEP	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
PWID	People who inject drugs
SE Asia	Southeast Asia
SiREN	Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network
WA	Western Australia

ESTABLISHING COPAHM

HIV AND MOBILITY: ROAD MAP FOR ACTION



Australia’s response to HIV has been regarded as an international success, achieved through a grass roots response from communities most affected by HIV and supported by evidence-based policy and programs. However, the last decade has revealed an increase in HIV diagnoses among people and their partners travelling to and from regions of higher HIV prevalence; a trend seen globally. Historical approaches successfully used to address HIV transmission had to be adapted to respond to a context where people are more mobile and where borders are more permeable than ever before.

In 2014, the [HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action](#) (*Road Map*) was released (Figure 1). The *Road Map* aimed to identify and review programs and activities which had been implemented to respond to overseas-acquired HIV in Australia and similar epidemics globally. Notably, the *Road Map* shone a spotlight on the context and types of mobility, and the need for more targeted and nuanced responses.

Figure 1. The Road Map for Action

The *Road Map* proposed five action areas (Figure 2). Within these, the *Road Map* proposes 71 specific strategies to address each action area, linked to current and previous iterations of national HIV strategies and global strategies.

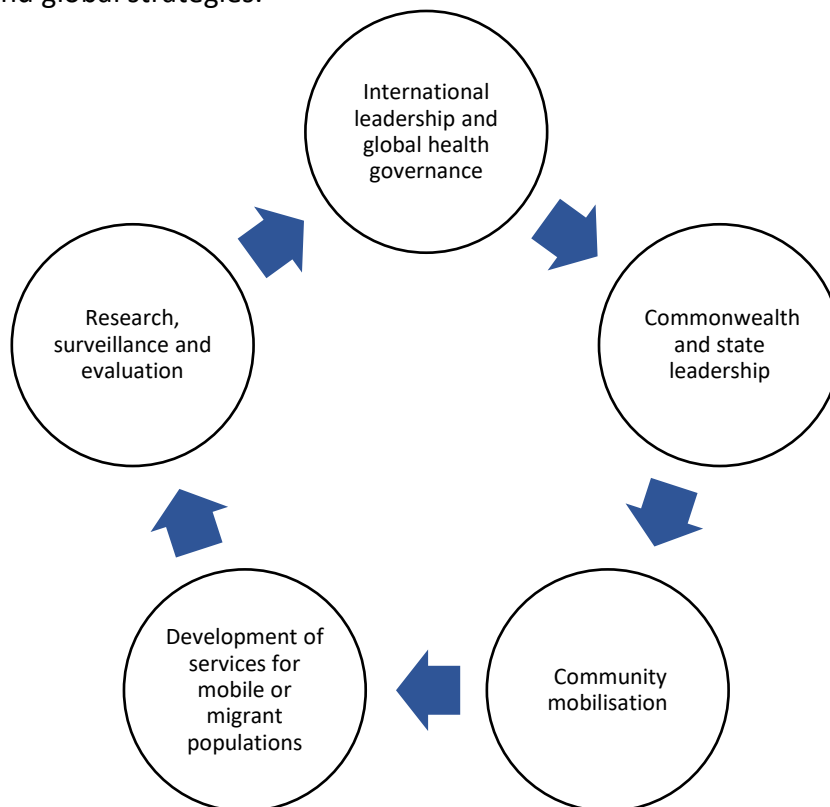


Figure 2. The Five Action Areas of the Road Map

BUILDING A COPAHM

Following the launch of the *Road Map* and preceding activity including a 'HIV and mobile populations' seminar (July 2014), people from the HIV and migration sectors expressed an interest in continuing to collaborate. To maintain momentum in this area, a coalition for HIV and mobility advocacy, research, policy, and practice was proposed. Establishment of the CoPAHM was therefore envisioned as a community of practice within the HIV and wider sectors.

Initial aims of the CoPAHM were to:

- develop a cross-sector alliance of organisations, clinicians, community members and members of affected populations who have an interest in HIV and mobility issues and wish to remain connected or collaborate with others working, researching, or developing policy;
- create a stronger voice to facilitate advocacy efforts in HIV and mobility; and
- provide a 'hub' to keep abreast of state and national developments, receive and disseminate relevant information to members and host networking and information sharing events.

GOVERNANCE

The CoPAHM is supported by a [National Governance Group](#) (NGG) who are responsible for the strategic direction of the CoPAHM. The NGG provides leadership, monitors progress of the CoPAHM activities nationally, and provides direction to the CoPAHM Coordinator. The NGG currently includes representation from Curtin University, Department of Health WA, Department of Health South Australia, Health Equity Matters, Living Positive Victoria, Monash University, University of Melbourne, University of Queensland, and University of Southern Queensland. The NGG meets bi-annually with a minimum quorum of five representatives; as per the [Terms of Reference](#).

The CoPAHM has expanded nationally through branches in various jurisdictions. Currently, branches operate in Western Australia and Queensland, with a previous branch in Victoria (2017 – 2021).

MEMBERSHIP

Addressing HIV is a shared challenge. The role of CoPAHM is to support the mobilisation of relevant sectors and organisations in the response to HIV and population mobility nationally.

As of May 2023, the CoPAHM has grown to over 230 network members across:

- Government
- Non-government organisations
- Research
- Community groups
- Practitioners and clinicians
- Affected communities
- National peak organisations

Members are encouraged to:

- Share knowledge and expertise in HIV and population mobility
- Share and contribute to a body of knowledge and resources available to all members
- Provide input and feedback to fellow CoPAHM members
- Participate in discussions
- Participate or support CoPAHM activity where relevant.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2020, the CoPAHM released its [Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#) (the Plan), developed in consultation with the NGG and CoPAHM members. The Plan sets out the CoPAHM's vision, mission, and aim.

VISION

equitable outcomes for mobile populations in HIV prevention, testing, treatment and quality of life.

MISSION

to support a collaborative national response to HIV and mobility issues across research, practice and policy.

AIM

to identify ways to work together to progress the action areas highlighted within the Road Map for Action, ensuring that migrant and mobile populations are part of the ongoing dialogue on HIV prevention, treatment and support. The role of the CoPAHM is to increase partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders to facilitate policy, research and practice efforts regarding HIV and mobility.



Three main priorities inform the activities of CoPAHM.

1. STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

- Support ongoing actions towards an integrated response to HIV and population mobility
- Advocate to key stakeholders for action on issues related to migrant and mobile populations in Australia's HIV response.
- Provide responsible and sustainable governance and management of CoPAHM in partnership with key stakeholders.

2. HIGHLY SKILLED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WORKFORCE

- Share new research findings and promote new practice initiatives.
- Support knowledge translation activities.
- Support opportunities for professional development and capacity building.

3. ONGOING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Assess progress of Australia's response to HIV and population mobility.
- Identify and support research and evaluation opportunities to address knowledge gaps that limit Australia's response to HIV and population mobility issues.

COPAHM OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

The CoPAHM provides strategic leadership to the HIV sector by advocating for, and supporting, action on HIV and population mobility. Examples of activity in this area are demonstrated below.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

In 2019, the CoPAHM released the [HIV and Mobility in Australia: Priority Actions](#) (*Priority Actions*) document. Building on from the *Road Map*, *Priority Actions* intended to identify ongoing gaps in Australia's response to HIV and population mobility, with consideration of new prevention opportunities and the contemporary literature. Six priority actions were described:

- 1 Local solutions:** Relevant jurisdictions to plan and implement state-specific responses to HIV in migrant and mobile populations
- 2 Health literacy:** Increase health literacy and know how to access combination prevention strategies available
- 3 Test:** Understand and reduce barriers to HIV testing and make new testing technologies widely available
- 4 Treatment and prevention medication:** Advocate for the inception of a policy mechanism to provide access to HIV treatment and PrEP for temporary visa holders who are ineligible for Medicare
- 5 Inform:** Harmonise surveillance data reporting for both migrant and mobile populations, including sexual behaviour, testing rates, notifications, treatment initiation and PrEP
- 6 Evaluate:** Develop core indicators to assess effectiveness of HIV programs for mobile and migrant populations

STRATEGIC INPUT

Over the past eight years, CoPAHM has participated in national groups, such as the Health Equity Matters CaLD Affiliates Network, the Multicultural Health Collaborative, and the International Student Sexual Health Network, to draw attention to population mobility issues. Additionally, CoPAHM has also contributed to two national HIV strategies (8th and 9th), participated in Annual Surveillance Report meetings by the Kirby Institute, the Health Equity Matters National Think Tank for Strategies to end HIV by 2025 and the United Nations High-Level Meeting, presented at the Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmitted Infections Standing Committee, Blood-Borne Viruses and CaLD Communities workshop, written two [advocacy letters](#) to ministers, submitted a [position paper](#) and appeared at a Senate inquiry on universal access to reproductive healthcare. CoPAHM NGG members were Guest Editorship of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, [Migration, Population Mobility and Public Health: Focus on Vulnerable and Marginalised Populations](#), which includes papers in relation to HIV and population mobility.

A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE

The CoPAHM supports the HIV sector workforce through the sharing of research findings, capacity building and knowledge translation activities, as described below.

WEBINARS

The CoPAHM has hosted five national webinars in collaboration with network members. These webinars provide CoPAHM members an update on current research and projects and provide a forum for dialogue on HIV and mobility issues (Table 1).

Table 1. List of CoPAHM hosted webinars

2022
Sudarto B, Coelho A, Reeves K, Gomes C, MacPhail C, Stratton M, Tran G. (2022). International student sexual health network meeting December. Victoria, Australia
Sudarto B, Coelho A, Reeves K. (2022). International student sexual health network meeting July. Victoria, Australia
Vujcich D, Coci M, Portsmouth L. (2022). Effective sexual health communication with people from CaLD backgrounds. Perth, Australia
2020
Takahashi H, Dean J, Slattery C, Coelho A. (2020). International students and sexual health: Where is the evidence? Perth, Australia
2019
Lobo R, Lemoh C, Power J, Vera C, Ellard J. (2019). World AIDS Day: Where to from here in responding to HIV and mobility? Perth, Australia

CONFERENCES AND FORUMS

The continued participation of CoPAHM in these events has been effective in increasing partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders to facilitate policy, research, and practice efforts. Selected presentations are below (Table 2).

Table 2. List of presentations and posters by CoPAHM

2022
Lobo R, Crawford G. (2022). Data on mobility, migration and HIV in Australia: What do we know and what do we need to know? Joint Australasian Sexual Health + HIV/AIDS Conference 2022, HIV Symposium Session. (Invited Panel Presentation).
2021
Takahashi H, Reeves K. (2021). International students and sexual health: Where is the evidence? International Student Sexual Health Network Meeting. (Invited speaker)
Laljee-Curran N, Gray C, Yuniar P, Wozencroft B, Morgan T, Saleem K. (2021). Diversity Dialogues Forum: STIs and BBVs in CaLD populations. Perth, Australia (Invited speaker)
2020
Lobo R, Lemoh C, Crawford G, Gray C. (2020). Can Australia be the first country to eliminate HIV transmission? What needs to be done to achieve this goal? Joint Australasian Sexual Health + HIV/AIDS Conference 2020, HIV Symposium Session. (Panel Presentation).
2019
Gray C, Crawford G, Lobo R, Brown G. (2019). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Creating a Coalition for Action. Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference (Poster).
Gray C, Crawford G, Lobo R, Brown G. (2019). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Creating a Coalition for Action. International Union for Health Promotion and Education Conference (Poster).

2018
Gray, C., Crawford, G. & Lobo, R. (2018). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Creating a Coalition and a Road Map for Action. World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health (Presentation).
Gray, C. (2018). Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. HIV and Mobility Forum (Invited Speaker).
2017
Lobo, R. & Gray, C. (2017). Roundup of SiREN HIV-related programs. Sexual health & Blood-borne Virus Program Quarterly Forum (Invited speaker).
Gray, C., Crawford, G. & Lobo, R. (2017). Using a community of practice to facilitate collaborative work in HIV and mobility. Curtin University School of Public Health Seminar (Presentation).
Gray, C., Crawford, G. & Lobo, R. (2017). Using a community of practice to facilitate collaborative work in HIV and mobility. World Public Health Congress (Oral session).
2016
Crawford G. (2016). Making the healthy choice the easy choice: not that easy. WA Health Translation Networks Public Health and Health Promotion Workshop (Invited speaker).
Crawford G, Lobo R, Gray C, Brown G. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action update. SiREN Symposium (Presentation).
Gray, C., Brown, G., Crawford, G. & Lobo, R. (2016). HIV & Mobility in Australia. AFAO HIV & Mobility Forum (Invited speaker).
2015
Gray C, Crawford G, Lobo R. (2015). Looking Back, Going Forward. Sexual Health & Blood-borne Virus Program Quarterly Forum (Invited speaker).
Lobo R, Brown G, Crawford G, Gray C. (2015). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Launch of the Interim Report Card. Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference (Oral session and posters).
Brown G, Crawford G, Lobo R. (2015). HIV and Mobility in Australia: A Roadmap for Action. Inaugural International Conference on Migration Social Disadvantage and Health (Presentation).



VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENT PROJECTS

Over eight years, CoPAHM has been supported by 21 volunteers, contributing over 1000 volunteer hours at time of publication. Additionally, CoPAHM has supported the following public health, health promotion and psychology students and projects at Curtin University (Table 3).

Table 3. List of student research supported by CoPAHM

Last Name	Project Title
Undergraduates	
Emmott (2022)	Understanding HIV risk awareness among heterosexually identifying culturally and linguistically diverse migrants living in Australia
Gianfrancesco (2022)	How Perceptions of HIV Risk Influence Attitudes Towards and Uptake of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) amongst Migrants Living in Australia
Lappin (2022)	How Migrants from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds Assess and Manage Their Risk of Acquiring HIV
Truell (2022)	Influence of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Perceptions and Experiences of HIV Risk Amongst Heterosexually Identifying Migrants from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds in Australia
Reeves (2021)	Developing a framework to evaluate peer-researchers in public health research
Honours	
Gray (2016)	HIV knowledge and use of health services among people from South-East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa living in Western Australia
Masters	
Wilshin (2021)	Investigating the factors of item-non response in a large migrant sexual health survey
Beecham-Clark (2020)	Development of a survey to investigate the knowledge, attitudes and practices surrounding sexual health and HIV transmission among Australian born men living or travelling in Southeast Asia
Takahashi (2020)	Accessing sexual health services within WA: an exploration of the lived experience of female international students coming from East and Southeast Asia
Thorpe (2019)	Health literacy measure for culturally and linguistically diverse populations
Ghimire (2018)	Literature review exploring the prevention and control of HIV, HBV and other STIs in migrants from Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa living in high-income countries.
Sande (2018)	A survey tool to measure BBV & STI knowledge, attitudes & behaviours amongst migrants from Southeast & Northeast Asia & sub-Saharan Africa living in Australia
Goodwin (2017)	HIV and population mobility in Australia: 2017 updates
Hosny (2017)	Barriers and enablers to HIV testing among women from South East Asia living in WA
Rade (2017)	Sexual Health Help-Seeking Behavior among Migrants from Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia living in High Income Countries: A Systematic Review.
Agu (2015)	Migrant sexual health help-seeking and experiences of stigmatization and discrimination in Perth, Western Australia: exploring barriers and enablers
PhDs	
Gray (-)	Co-designing an intervention to encourage HIV testing among priority migrant communities
Nge Nge Phoo (-)	Comparison of modes in assessing Hepatitis B knowledge, attitudes and practices among the Myanmar community in Perth, Western Australia
Crawford (2020)	Nexus: Investigating Australian male expatriate, longer-term and frequent traveller social networks in Southeast Asia to determine their potential to influence HIV and other STI risk behaviour

COPAHM CORE PUBLICATIONS

Table 4 provides an overview of publications as part of the CoPAHM contracts (2015 – 2022), demonstrating the sharing of research findings.

Table 4. List of CoPAHM publications

Format	Citation
Report	
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (2022). Making Your Materials Work: A Quick Guide to Developing Culturally Appropriate and Effective HIV Resource Content. Perth, WA: Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility (2018). HIV and Mobility: Priority Actions. Perth, WA: Sexual Health and Blood-Borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network, Curtin University
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Interim Report Card 2. Perth, WA: Curtin University
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2015). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action – Interim Report Card. Perth: Curtin University.
	Crawford G, Lobo R, Brown G, Langdon P. (2014). HIV & Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action. Perth, WA: Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research & Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society
Media	
	Lobo R, Crawford G, Gray C. (2019) People on the move: Implications for meeting Australia’s 95:95:95 targets by 2022. Australian Federation for AIDS Organisations.
	Mirage News. (2018, November 30). <i>Priority actions recommended to address HIV in Australia</i> . https://www.miragenews.com/priority-actions-recommended-to-address-hiv-in-australia
	Sydoruk, L. (2018, November 30). <i>Priority actions recommended to address HIV in Australia</i> . https://news.curtin.edu.au/media-releases/priority-actions-recommended-to-address-hiv-in-australia/
	Storer, D. (2018). <i>Progress towards the HIV and mobility in Australia: Priority actions</i> . AFAO. https://www.afao.org.au/article/progress-towards-the-hiv-and-mobility-in-australia-priority-actions/
	Chavez, A. (2017, March 2). <i>Mobility drives new HIV epidemic</i> . Curtin University News. https://news.curtin.edu.au/stories/mobility-drives-new-hiv-epidemic/
	Crawford, G, Brown, G, Lobo R. (2015). <i>HIV and Mobility: Road Map for Action</i> . HIV Australia. https://www.afao.org.au/article/hiv-mobility-australia-road-map-action/
	Sergeant, J. (2014). <i>HIV and Mobile Populations: exploring the complexities</i> . AFAO Talks. http://afaotalks.blogspot.com/2014/10/hiv-and-mobile-populations-wa.html

Case study	
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2021). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Multicultural Community Action Network (M-CAN). Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Sharing Stories with multicultural youth at the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre. Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Love Game Brand at the WA AIDS Council and the From Nothing to Something Movement. Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Mobilising African community through the South Australian African Communities Health Advisory Committee. Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.
	Community of Practice for Action on HIV and Mobility. (2016). HIV and Mobility in Australia: Mobilising African community through the South Australian African Communities Health Advisory Committee. Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health, Curtin University.



COPAAM SUPPORTED PUBLICATIONS

Table 5 provides an overview of publications supported by the CoPAHM, but where the main resourcing was not the CoPAHM.

Table 5. List of CoPAHM supported publications

Format	Citation
Report	
	Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations. (2022). Barriers to accessing HIV and sexual health care for people from a CaLD background. Sydney, NSW: AFAO.
	Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health. (2018). "I want to test but I'm afraid": Barriers to HIV testing among people born in South East Asia and sub-Saharan Africa: Final report. Perth, WA: Curtin University
Media	
	Griffin-Appadoo, A. (2020). <i>Improving society's sexual health</i> . Curtin News. https://www.curtin.edu.au/news/improving-societys-sexual-health/
	Dyett, G. (2017). <i>Calls to approve HIV home testing kits on World AIDS Day</i> . SBS News. https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/calls-to-approve-hiv-home-testing-kits-on-world-aids-day/xx1iu7npc
	Gardiner, R. (2017). <i>Research Shows HIV Home-Testing Kits Can Reduce Spread Of Virus</i> . Q News Magazine. https://qnews.com.au/research-shows-hiv-home-testing-kits-can-reduce-spread-virus/
	Jones, J. (2017). <i>Advocates call on government to approve HIV home testing kits</i> . Star Observer. https://www.starobserver.com.au/news/national-news/advocates-call-hiv-home-test-kit-approval/164398
	Garland, C. (2015). <i>Partnerships key to preventing HIV transmission overseas</i> . Science Network WA.
Journal articles	
	Phoo, N. N. N., Reid, A., Lobo, R., Davies, M., & Vujcich, D. (2023). A Web-Based Audio Computer-Assisted Self-interview Application With Illustrated Pictures to Administer a Hepatitis B Survey Among a Myanmar-Born Community in Perth, Australia: Development and User Acceptance Study. <i>JMIR Formative Research</i> , 7, e37358.
	Vujcich, D., Reid, A., Brown, G., Durham, J., Guy, R., Hartley, L., Mao, L., Mullens, A.B., Roberts, M. & Lobo, R. (2023). HIV-Related Knowledge and Practices among Asian and African Migrants Living in Australia: Results from a Cross-Sectional Survey and Qualitative Study. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> , 20(5), 4347.
	Gray, C., Porter, G., Lobo, R., & Crawford, G. (2023). Development and evaluation of health education resources for culturally and linguistically diverse populations: a systematic review. <i>Health Education Research</i> , cyad015.
	Gray, C., Crawford, G., Maycock, B., & Lobo, R. (2023). "Maybe it's an Indo thing": Transnational health experiences of Indonesian women living in Australia. <i>Health & Place</i> , 81, 103006.

	Vujcich, D., Brown, G., Durham, J., Gu, Z., Hartley, L., Lobo, R., Mao, L., Moro, P., Pillay, V., Mullens, A.B., Oudih, E., Roberts, M., Wilshin, C. & Reid, A. (2022). Strategies for Recruiting Migrants to Participate in a Sexual Health Survey: Methods, Results, and Lessons. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> , 19(19), 12213.
	Phoo, N. N. N., Lobo, R., Vujcich, D., & Reid, A. (2022). Comparison of the ACASI Mode to Other Survey Modes in Sexual Behavior Surveys in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa: Systematic Literature Review. <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 24(5), e37356.
	Gray, C., Crawford, G., Maycock, B., & Lobo, R. (2022). Exploring the Intersections of Migration, Gender, and Sexual Health with Indonesian Women in Perth, Western Australia. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> , 19(20), 13707.
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E-NEWS AND E-ALERTS

Commencing in 2017, the CoPAHM has regularly released a quarterly e-news which provides important updates on new developments in the HIV and mobility sector. At the end of May 2023, 22 e-news had been distributed.

Each edition focuses on:

- New research
- Reports
- News
- CoPAHM updates
- Information on relevant webinars, conferences, and events

An e-alert is a targeted campaign sent to the CoPAHM network that contains time-sensitive content. Previously e-alerts have advertised the CoPAHM events and grant opportunities. At the time of publication, six e-alerts have been distributed.

TWITTER

The CoPAHM Twitter account was established in 2019 and is followed by 288 users at the end of December 2022. The CoPAHM Twitter is used to disseminate bite-sized news, events and evidence related to HIV and mobility. It is also utilised to connect with stakeholders in this space and to increase the CoPAHM network membership.

Additionally, the CoPAHM has used Twitter to summarise research highlights, provide commentary on news and events, and to summarise the changing epidemiology of HIV in Australia. Use of such avenues has been beneficial in distributing information in ways that are accessible and comprehensible to consume.

YOUTUBE

The CoPAHM established a YouTube channel in 2020. The channel hosts videos of webinars and presentations that CoPAHM has been involved in. The channel is publicly accessible via this [link](#).



THE GUIDE

In 2022, the CoPAHM released [Making your Materials Work: A Quick Guide to Developing Culturally Appropriate and Effective HIV Resource Content](#) (the Guide).

The Guide is a combination of a literature review and the results of several CaLD HIV related projects, including an evaluation of existing HIV resources and interviews and focus group discussions with people from CaLD backgrounds.

The Guide is for those working with migrants and people from CaLD backgrounds in Australia to prevent and manage HIV.

The Guide contains information, practical tools and quick links to assist practitioners in planning, implementing and evaluating culturally and literacy-appropriate HIV information, education and communication resources.

The Guide was developed in response to a priority action in the HIV and Mobility in Australia: Road Map for Action and the CoPAHM Priority Actions to increase health literacy and awareness of available HIV prevention strategies. This recommendation is consistent with national and jurisdictional strategies for HIV.

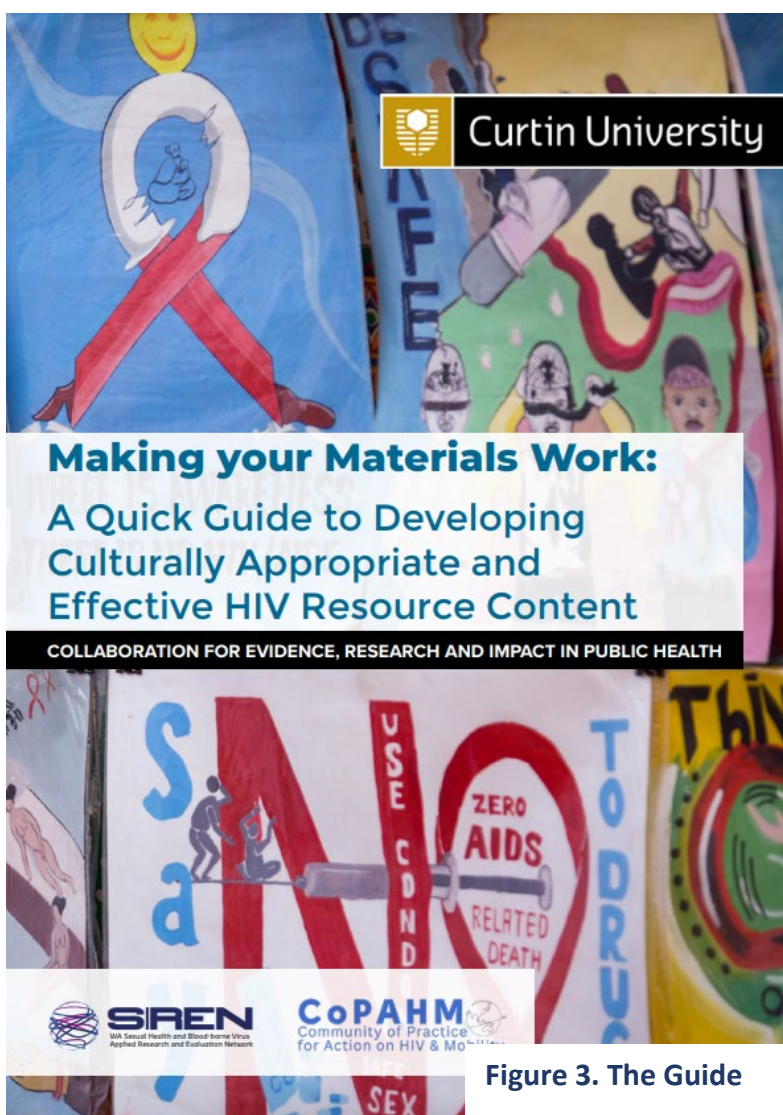


Figure 3. The Guide

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The CoPAHM aims to assess the progress of Australia's response to HIV and mobility and identify and support relevant research and evaluation activities.

REPORT CARDS

Since publication of the *Road Map*, three mapping activities have been undertaken. Each activity involved an audit of current actions related to HIV and population mobility to identify areas of strength and areas where momentum was limited against the *Road Map* strategies. Each mapping activity was designed to stimulate and prioritise further activity.

INTERIM REPORT CARD ONE

In 2015, the CoPAHM coordinated the first mapping activity with CoPAHM members. Twenty-four priority strategies in the *Road Map* were identified as those with a proposed timeframe of 'urgently', 'ASAP' and '2015'. All CoPAHM members, from AIDS Councils, government departments, non-government organisations, research institutions and national peak bodies, were invited to provide details of their organisation's current projects relating to these priority strategies between March and July. This information was consolidated at a national level, resulting in the Interim Report Card, providing a snapshot of current activities in Australia.

- The report summary can be viewed [here](#)
- The full mapping detail can be viewed [here](#)

INTERIM REPORT CARD TWO

The second Report Card was published in 2016, which presented findings of the second mapping activity conducted between February to May 2016. All CoPAHM members were invited to provide details of their organisation's current projects relating to all 71 strategies in the *Road Map*. The resulting Interim Report Card in the form of a stocktake of activity provides an overview of national momentum in relation to these strategies and highlights areas where there is limited momentum.

- The report summary can be viewed [here](#)
- The full mapping detail can be viewed [here](#)

Following on from the Interim Report Cards, the *Priority Actions* document was released in 2019 and the CoPAHM Strategic Plan released in 2020.

REPORT CARD THREE

A third Report Card is currently in preparation. The Report Card will present findings of the third mapping activity conducted between May to December 2022. All CoPAHM members were invited to provide details of their organisation's current projects relating to the six Priority Actions for HIV and Mobility. The Report Card will be released in 2023.

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CONCLUSION

This evaluation report demonstrates the key role that the CoPAHM has played in shaping the HIV response in Australia from 2015 to 2023. Findings highlight the CoPAHM's pivotal role as a platform for strong partnerships, research, and dialogue regarding HIV and population mobility and support the rationale for its future sustainability. While in-roads have been made, there remains the need for a mechanism in which a response to population mobility is championed, supporting cross-jurisdictional collaboration and the sharing of successes and challenges to inform research, practice, and policy. The CoPAHM remains committed to supporting a collaborative national response to HIV and population mobility issues across research, practice and policy.

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